

**REMARKS**

By this amendment claims 1-16 have been canceled. Claims 17 and 18 remain pending. Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

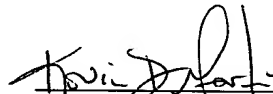
**Rejections under 35 USC §112 and 103(a)**

Rejected claims 1-16 have been canceled, and remaining claims 17 and 18 have been allowed by the Examiner in the Office Action of July 8, 2003. Thus the application is in condition for allowance.

**Conclusion**

If the Examiner believes a conference would expedite prosecution of the case, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned. This is believed to be a complete response to the Examiner's final office action.

Respectfully submitted,



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